

Arsenal Will Expand Force In November

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Washington, Oct. 25 (Copley Press Leased Wire)—The Elwood Ordnance plant—part of what is now known as the Joliet Arsenal—will begin hiring some 1,344 additional workers in mid-November under a program of reactivation.

The army ordnance department disclosed the personnel figure initially in telephone announcements to the capitol offices of Senate Majority Leader Scott W. Lucas and Rep. Noah M. Mason, 15th Illinois district Republican.

LATER THE Pentagon explained that the Joliet ordnance plant would go into partial production to replace shells and bombs employed in the liberation of Korea by American and United Nations forces and in fulfilling commitments to U. S. allies for arms.

The army remained mum on the recurring report that a new general ordnance office building may be erected on land of the Joliet arsenal, where 1,500 to 2,000 clerks would be hired to handle paper work.

Only preliminary studies have been made and thus far this project must remain in the rumor department, an ordnance spokesman said.